

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**ORDER**

v.

**19 Cr 746 (NSR)  
14 Cr 645 - VOSR**

KASSEM HARRIS,


Defendant.

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Defendant KASSEM HARRIS seeks to enter a guilty plea in both of the above-captioned cases via video or telephone conference instead of a personal appearance in court. In view of the ongoing pandemic, video and telephone conferencing have been employed by judges in the Southern District of New York on numerous occasions. This Court finds that any further delay in this proceeding would result in serious harm to the interests of justice. Proceeding by video or telephone conference with a guilty plea hearing advances Mr. Harris's cases and furthers justice without undue delay. *See* § 15002 (b)(2) of the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act. The Clerk of the Court is kindly directed to terminate the motion at ECF No. 41.

SO ORDERED:

July 7, 2021  
Dated: New York, New York

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THE HONORABLE NELSON S. ROMAN  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York